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and Life in Montreal.

Four Laborers Meet Death Instantly, Others Will Die.

The Shock Startled the Adventists

Looking for the World's End.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

MONTREAL, Oct. 24.—A terrific explosion of dynamite occurred in St. Jean Baptiste Ward this morning, killing four men, fatally injuring several others and wrecking all the houses in the vicinity.

The dynamite was to be used in blasting for new drains.

The explosion caused great excitement among the Second Adventists, who are looking for the end of the world to-day or to-morrow.

The killed and wounded were all French Canadian laborers.

EXPERTS ON WIRES.

Called to Throw Further Light on Peck's Electrical Incineration.

"Gentlemen," said ex-Commissioner Thomas S. Brennan to his colleagues on the Coroner's jury which is investigating the cause of the horrible incineration of Lineman John E. H. Feeks, "gentlemen, these electric-light companies should no more be allowed to fill the air with imperfectly insulated wires of a tension that will kill a human being than they should be allowed to encourage suicide or murder.

The trend of the testimony was to demonstrate that there was constant and imminent danger to human life from the wires of either company.

"A broken wire, dangling 150 feet east of the scene of the agonizing tragedy on Chambers street, was discovered by our men," said one witness. "It belonged to the United States Illuminating Company. It might have, by touch-

ing the wire on which Feek's was at work, given them a life which would still be a life, and which would emanate from the wire, from which sparks would emanate during that terrible forty minutes. "I said another, and we found that it ran very well," said another, "I don't know whether it was the Centre, near Franklin street. A touch there might have done it."

There were two live Brush wires on the same pole and below the Wires across which the sparks were given.

Feek's was giddy, and he was not alone with witnesses.

These witnesses were all experts, and they were two all companies by the various electric companies of the city, and neither of them was wholly without prejudice.

"The Brush Electric company had used the insulation known as 'underwrites,' and then they had used the 'underwrites' of the other company," the "underwrites" was the cheapest and poorest insulation known to the business.

"The other company had used the good or

bad by comparison, and that there was no perfect insulation, while a broken live wire might drop against a harmless wire and transform it instantly into an instrument of most horrible death.

To-day acknowledged experts were called to testify. Among them were Schuyler S. Wheeler, expert to the Board of Electrical Control; Com-

Superintendent of Liner Frank M. Siera, of the Brush Company, was recalled and stated that he was directed by Coroner Schultze to trace up the Western Union telegraph wire which gave out sparks and smoke while Feeks was burning, and that he found at Broome street that the wire was broken off and the poles

MILVAINE'S CONVICTION.

**After Thirty Hours the Jury Found Him
Guilty of Murder in the First Degree.**

The jury in the case of Charles McIlvaine, the young burglar who killed Grocer Christian W. Luca in Brooklyn, after thirty hours' de-

The verdict was not agreed upon until 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and after repeated requests had been sent to Judge Moore to be present, the jury returned a verdict of acquittal and a written agreement.

It was noted that at the first polling the jury stood nine for conviction, two for a verdict of murder in the second degree and one for acquittal on the ground of insanity. The last named held out till the last.

McElvaine will probably be brought up for trial on the charge of burglary in the latter part of the week. Under the new law, his defense counsel, ex-Judge Curtis, will move for a plea, pending an appeal.

John J. Quinn, McElvaine's associate in the Luca burglary, will probably be tried next week.

A RECEIVER FOR LOUIS WENDEL

He Tells the Story of His Money Troubles Since the Boodle Aldermen Combine.

Ex-Alderman Louis Wendel's property is in the hands of a receiver, Francis E. Landliver, who was appointed in the City Court yesterday by Judge McAdam.

Capt. Wendel swears before Judge McAdam in the City Court that he has been crippled financially since 1880, from the Boodle Aldermen trouble. In April, 1880, he says he gave up his property to the Boodle Aldermen and left his New York property. Mr. Noy secured bondmen for him, Lion Park and his Associates, and he has since then been in debt. He has about \$4,000 worth of furniture at the

Crushed Between Two Freight Cars.
(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
NORWALK, Conn., Oct. 24.—A brakeman named Williams, of Connor's Station, was crushed between the bumpers of two freight cars on the Housatonic railroad this morning. He lived about thirty minutes after being taken out, and died in great agony.